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MacArthur Bid Surprises U.S.

MATTERS are moving along slowly, for somebody. A clever Austrian, said to have been a Nazi nuclear physicist in his day, has presented a neat little Easter egg to Senator Peron, or so Peron and the Austrian claim. It is an atomic bomb, which produces a "controlled explosion," capable of frightful destruction in a "slow and gradual manner." The Americans are doubtful about it, and the British think the reports "very interesting." The British have themselves started turning out atom-bombs; and the French are very near to it; but who would have thought such a thing of the Argentines? There are, of course, a lot of the old Nazis in Buenos Aires and thereabouts, who escaped the hangman and the prison cell in the days when hanging and imprisonment, rather than the Atlantic Pact, were thought almost too good for their ilk. It has often been said that among those who got to Argentina were some with the atomic "know-how."

BEFORE very long we should know how the atomic weapon gets along in real warfare. Not the bombs, not yet; but some other form of atomic armament may be used in Korea. General Marshall has said so. The sacrificial Koreans, who have witnessed, in "operation killer," a vast process of U.S. armament experimentation, should be able soon—those of them who are left for "liberation" purposes—to talk knowledgeably about the effects of atomic weapons of which the rest of us have not the slightest notion. Peace efforts at U.N., and, more to the point, American public opinion, may succeed in putting a stop to the experiments; but the influence of the General Staff and of the Dulles-MacArthur faction is very strong and if they get their way, Korea may continue to be the most effective experimental laboratory in the world.

THE U.S. Gallup Poll has just worked out that 50 per cent of the American people believe their Government "made a mistake in going into war in Korea." Take note of that: it is important: 50 per cent. It is a lot. And a second Gallup Poll concluded: "There is overwhelming popular sentiment throughout the United States for ending the Korean war with a truce when we reach the 38th Parallel, if the Chinese agree to stop fighting at that point." The earlier report goes on: 56 per cent of the American public think the U.S. Government "should try harder to reach agreement with Communist China," and 62 per cent believe that the U.S. "should agree to take her troops out of Korea if Communist China also agrees to withdraw." After that, no one can say the American people are "hysterical," no one can say the Administration is forced to do what it is doing by the pressure of public opinion. The pressure of American public opinion, on the basis of these Gallup polls, is the pressure of common sense. Those Gallup poll results are the most hopeful things one has come across for over a year.

BUT there just is not a 38th Parallel any more: General MacArthur has "wiped it out." Like that—wiped it out. There is no question of anyone's being south or north of it, it is not there; and the chance of trying out the atomic weapons is still a good chance; and if matters keep moving along nicely like that, everyone, including masters Peron and Richter of Buenos Aires, with an atom bomb, may come in handy one day when the signal for the final catastrophe is given. But it is a fact that Dulles and MacArthur with his private alliances and his arbitrary abolition of political frontiers, make a man uneasy: including that man who may yet save us—the American—nan-in-the-street.

TEL AVIV, March 28.

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — Official Washington was complaining that General MacArthur had not consulted it on his truce offer to the Chinese Communists on Saturday, according to the "New York Times" today. If it had been, it would not have approved the statement, James Reston, the paper's diplomatic correspondent, said. News of the statement caused hurried conferences at the State and Defense Departments. Mr. Acheson later conferred on the question with President Truman after which a "mystifying clarification" was issued, Mr. Reston said. The State Department was in the midst of the negotiations with representatives of the other nations concerned in Korea on the formulation of an armistice when the MacArthur statement suddenly appeared, Mr. Reston wrote. General MacArthur's statement was also liable to the interpretation that the question of extending the war to the mainland of China might be reopened, Mr. Reston said.

Russian Threat
Both State and Defense Department officials said that U.S. policy was to localize the war in Korea in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the U.N. "The Russians are saying here now that if the U.N. forces approach the Yalu River the Soviet Union will intervene directly in the struggle," the correspondent wrote. The conclusion in Washington therefore was that to push north risked a major conflict with the Soviet army and to remain in the vicinity of the 38th Parallel meant a costly stalemate and that the only course was a negotiated peace. Thus, while the nations with troops in Korea were trying to devise some new approach that might end the war, General MacArthur had offered a truce in terms that would never be acceptable to the Peking regime and at the same time combined his peace offer with an implied threat. An official said, according to Mr. Reston, "our approach has not worked and his might, but it would not do any harm to study these things before they are suddenly made public."

Some bitter protests over General MacArthur's truce offer were expected from U.N. and diplomatic representatives. It was thought that new demands would be made for a stricter limitation of the General's authority, especially from governments with forces under his command. **France Astonished**
Gen. MacArthur's statement was described in Paris today as "clumsy" and "astonishing." A French foreign office spokesman said that the government's objective in Korea had always been to limit the extension of the conflict and this continued to be its policy. MacArthur's declarations that the Chinese were near collapse did not appear to correspond to earlier views expressed by him, in the view of the French authorities. It might be interpreted as an invitation to the Russians to help the Chinese with new supplies of arms.

Approach to China Made Harder

By JESSIE KEL LORIE
POST Correspondent
NEW YORK, Sunday.—General MacArthur's truce offer has added to the basic difficulty confronting both the U.N. and the State Department—that of reaching the Chinese. Since the "aggressor" resolution was passed by the U.N., contact has been cut off. It is believed that the Pentagon and the State Department were planning to bypass MacArthur by instructing General Ridgway to approach his opposite number among the Chinese field commanders. Now the ball has been passed to the U.N. Good Offices Committee, which is still grappling with the problem of making contact with the Chinese. "If we can speak to someone who can get somewhere," the Chairman of the U.N. Good Offices Committee, Mr. Narula Entenza, told reporters yesterday.

Looking out of the window of his 38th story office in the new U.N. building overlooking the East River, he said that he liked the Israel idea of two conferences—one to arrange a cease-fire, and another to get it in operation and settle political problems—but it did not ensure the main problem of creating contact. Once that was done, he said, "everything is possible."

Egypt to Spend LE.400m. in Five Years on Army

CAIRO, Sunday (U.P.). — The Egyptian War Minister, Mustafa Nasrat Bey, today submitted to the Cabinet a plan providing for the expenditure of LE400m. in five years to equip the army and establish a munitions industry. The Cabinet decided to postpone for one week its decision on the Egyptian attitude to the Protocol Note delivered by six countries concerning the present restrictions on shipping in the Suez Canal.

The Foreign Ministry has submitted a memorandum containing proposals to relax some of the restrictions. Informal sources believe that the Egyptian Government's demand that oil tankers passing through the Canal must guarantee to submit certificates from the receiving ports stating that the oil consignments had been duly received.

Grenade Thrown At U.S. Envoy's Home

DAMASCUS, Sunday (U.P.). — Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee, now in Beirut, missed death by 16 hours when someone threw a hand-grenade at the U.S. Minister's residence here at 30 minutes past midnight this morning. The U.S. Minister to Syria, Mr. Cavendish Cannon, was also absent.

Mr. McGhee left Damascus on Saturday afternoon. Mr. McGhee is expected in Cairo on Thursday for a two-day visit as the guest of the Egyptian Government, a Cairo radio broadcast said today.

NEW IRAQI MOVE TO TAKE OVER OIL

BAGHDAD, Sunday (U.P.). — A proposal to nationalize the Iraqi oil fields was introduced into the Chamber of Deputies this morning. In 1951, Iraq produced only 6,200,000 metric tons of oil compared with the neighbouring Iranian oilfields' production of 31,800,000 metric tons, but Iraq is expected to show rapid expansion in the next two years, particularly when the new 30-inch pipeline to the Mediterranean is completed.

IRAN MINISTER DIES

TEHRAN, Sunday (U.P.). — Dr. Abdul Hamid Zangeneh, former Minister of Education in General Razmara's Cabinet, died today of wounds inflicted when he was shot by a 26-year-old law student on March 12.

No announcement has been made regarding his assassination, and claimed to be a member of the fanatical Moslem Fadayan, the sect responsible for the assassination of General Razmara on March 7.

Argentine Atom Process Is 'Entirely New,' Scientist Says

BUENOS AIRES, Sunday.—Argentina's method of utilizing atomic energy is entirely new, Professor Richter, the Austrian scientist in charge of the project, reiterated here today. "The problem now is how to light tiny artificial suns on earth," he added. Declaring that his laboratory on Huemul Island was "one of the best equipped in the world," Professor Richter said that his plant had neither cyclotrons nor Kandersgraff machines, as they were not needed in his system. He said his staff was small for security reasons, and "the bulk of the work is done by robots."

"While other countries are studying nuclear reactions with cyclotrons, we are saving time with another method," the Austrian scientist explained. He said he would later publish various aspects of his work—his discovery of particles moving at tremendous velocity, and photographic revealing details of the field of reaction—but could give no details at present.

London Doubtful
In London, however, the Sunday "Observer's" scientific correspondent said that Argentina's claims "will hardly be accepted without further evidence." He explained the claim was that it had been possible to release atomic energy not by splitting the complex atoms such as uranium 235 as plutonium, but by building up larger atoms from simple ones. "The great difficulty is that

Rain Was Boon To Citrus Growers

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The unexpected rainfall which began on Saturday night has proved invaluable to agriculture, farmers said today. Citrus growers in various parts of the country had planned to irrigate at the end of this week, but because of the heavy rain, some can now safely defer it now for up to three weeks.

Syria May Have New Elections

General elections may be the only solution to the almost three-week-old Syrian Cabinet crisis, well-informed sources here announced today. Khaleel el Azem announced that he did not expect his efforts to form a Cabinet to bear fruit before Tuesday. President Atassi's request to Khaleel el Azem to make his third bid at forming a cabinet followed close on the resignation of Bushi Kihyah, President of the Syrian Parliament, on Saturday night.

The NEABS Damascus correspondent said it was most likely that Kihyah's resignation will be followed by a complete boycott of Parliament by the A-Shaah Party, holding 53 of the 114 seats. Such an act would certainly force new elections.

Commenting on the present state of affairs in both Syria and Lebanon, the political commentator of the British-controlled NEABS said it was regrettable that both the Syrian Cabinet crisis and the Lebanese pre-election clashes have occurred at the time of Mr. McGhee's visit to the Arab capitals. This obvious appearance of Arab internal disunity and strife could hardly have come at a worse time.

U.S. Keeps Close Watch On Middle East Oil Position

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — American officials, though officially keeping out of the Anglo-Persian oil controversy, are following closely developments arising from Persia's decision to nationalize her British-run oil industry. There is widespread concern over the possibility of Persia's expropriation of the Anglo-Iranian Company's assets will be followed by nationalists of other Middle East countries where U.S. oil interests hold similar positions.

Officials here pointed out that the U.S. had made great efforts to modernize Persia and improve its economic status. The country's backwardness was a distressing handicap when the Persians used as a supply line to Russia during the war. The ebb and flow of local politics had mainly frustrated the attempt, they said.

Persia's Russian neighbor had cast a "moonlight effect" on the tide, these officials felt, and the "nationalism" which outwardly inspired the decision to take over the Anglo-Iranian Company was in fact being used by Soviet agents.

Barred Window Traps Father In Fire That Guts Store

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Moshe Greik, an ex-soldier, lost his life in a fire here tonight, when he was trapped in the bars of a window at the back of the ground-floor store where he was working. The store, Express Service, Ltd., at 4 Rehov Mikveh Israel, was completely gutted, but no serious damage was done to upper floors. It was filled with packages and goods for transport within the country. It was impossible to save the victim, according to several persons who had rushed to the rear of the building with pails of water and wet rags. Greik had apparently been forced to the back of the store when the fire broke out inside and trapped him. He forced his legs and arms through the iron-barred window in the rear of a gallery inside the storehouse and called for help.

The first to reach him, Mr. Yehuda Fritz, a nearby resident who ran out in his pyjamas, said that Greik kept repeating: "Hurry, hurry, I have two children."

Germany Facing Crisis, Israel Claim Too Late

By George Lichtblau
POST Correspondent
LONDON, Sunday.—The prospects of Israel obtaining financial compensation from Germany have not been improved by the Bonn Government's sudden discovery that it is facing bankruptcy. Little publicity has been given to the facts, but it is now known that Germany can expect no further credits from the European Payments Union.

This decision comes at a moment when the Federal Government is not only faced with a large currency deficit caused by excessive imports of non-essential goods, but has also been presented with an increased bill for occupation costs. Marshall Aid is expiring and Germany is far down on the list of countries likely to receive aid under the terms of the new U.S. programme for assisting Europe.

Lastly, the Trade Unions and the Socialist Party have launched a campaign to drive the Minister of Economics, Professor Erhard, from office and to force new elections. The campaign has been timed to coincide with mounting signs that the free enterprise experiment launched by Professor Erhard is collapsing, and that controls will shortly have to be reintroduced to stem the rise in prices, the growth of unemployment and the growing trade deficit.

The latter is the most immediately menacing symptom of all, since it has already caused the European Payments Union to refuse further credits until the present import programme is scaled down—and that probably means more unemployment and growing shortages. Federal Germany, in short, is going through a critical period, and Israel's claim has come two years too late, it is felt here.

400,000 Cypriots March for Enosis

By Shale Guebenian
POST Correspondent
NICOSIA, Sunday.—Nearly 400,000 people here celebrated the 130th anniversary of Greek Independence with the biggest parades ever held in a "festival of Enosis." Even a sudden rainstorm failed to break up a mile-long parade of school girls who marched to the Greek Consulate singing national songs punctuated by cries of "We want union with Greece."

Left-wing Greeks here held separate Enosis celebrations, also under the slogan of "Union with Greece," but declared they wanted union with the present puppet administration.

Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus is now in Athens urging the Greek government to take up the question with the British government.

Spain Ready to Sign Arms Pact with U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sunday (A.P.). — Spain was today reported to be ready to sign a direct military alliance with the U.S. General Franco is said to have informed American Ambassador Stanton Griffiths of this during informal talks in Madrid. The Spanish leader is also reported to have expressed willingness to consider a triangular defence alliance among Spain, Portugal and the U.S. Both of these offers, however, are said to be conditional on a firm guarantee that the U.S. will supply Spain with enough arms to modernize her armed forces.

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Top-Level Talks On Huleh Today

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Aloof Mordecai Makleff, Deputy Chief of the General Staff, and Colonel Adib Shishakli, Chief of the General Staff of the Syrian Army, will meet tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Gasher Bnot Ya'acov to discuss outstanding matters between Israel and Syria. The meeting was arranged at an informal meeting of the M.A.C. yesterday on the initiative of the U.N. Chairman, an Army spokesman said here today.

Sinai Bandits Fired On Army Patrol

BEERSHEVA, Sunday.—Marauders, believed to have come from the Sinai area, opened fire on an Army patrol in the Negev on Friday. There were no casualties. The infiltrators escaped. Marauders from the Gass strip who were harvesting and damaging fields on the Israeli side of the border fled when an Army patrol opened fire on them on Friday. Two Arabs are believed to have been either killed or wounded, but they were taken back across the border by their fleeing comrades.

Lipsky Asks U.S. To Intervene in Iraq

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). —An appeal for the U.S. to use its good offices with the Iraq government on behalf of the Jews in that country was made by Mr. Louis Lipsky, Chairman of the American Zionist Council, in a letter to Secretary of State Acheson, made public today.

Mr. Lipsky's letter, sent on behalf of all major U.S. Zionist organizations, described mob violence and discriminatory measures reported in the eye-witness testimony of thousands of Iraqi Jews now arriving in Israel. "This outrageous violation of elementary human rights by a government which is a member of the U.N. is in glaring contradiction to the principles set forth in the U.N. Charter and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Mr. Lipsky said in his letter.

53 U.S. Airmen Feared Lost in Atlantic Crash

LONDON, Sunday.—A submarine, six ships and 35 planes were searching today for survivors of the giant "Globe-master" U.S. Army transport plane which is believed to have crashed on Friday on a flight from Maine to Britain. The plane was carrying 53 men.

The London control centre of the search stated today that the hunt for survivors would be continued throughout this week. There were 30 officers and 23 men on board, including U.S. Brigadier-General Culley, it is reported.

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Humidity	60	63	65	67
Wind	SE 10-15	SE 10-15	SE 10-15	SE 10-15

Forecast: Partly cloudy becoming fair. Possible isolated showers in the morning.

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum temp. D) Max. temp. expected today.

14,590 immigrants arrived during February 1951. 2,540 tourists entered the country, of whom 1,340 were non-Jews.

Luna Park employees in Jaffa have threatened to strike this week if their demands for higher wages and improved conditions are not met. Nearly 50 workers are affected.

Cash and jewelry worth IL350 and documents valued at IL40 were stolen from an iron box under the bed of a wife of Yehia Barak, at the Rosh Ha'ayin camp, on Saturday night.

Several thousand eggs and a quantity of poultry were confiscated and several members of Kibbutz Tadmor were arrested last week for transporting the goods without permits. The men were later released on bail.

For selling 500 kilos of potatoes last November without a permit, and at 80 pruta instead of the regulated 22 pruta per kilo, Moshe Appelbaum, of Rehovot, was sentenced yesterday to two weeks imprisonment and IL150 fine, or an additional three months imprisonment in lieu of the fine, by the Anti-Profiters Court in Tel Aviv.

Caterers to Discuss Rising Costs

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Hotel, Cafe and Restaurant Association will meet here tomorrow to discuss what its Secretary-General describes as "the difficult situation in which the trade is finding itself in view of rising prices."

Negotiations have been in progress with the Ministry of Trade and Industry for some time with a view to raising the prices of hotel accommodation and restaurant meals. The recent wage increases and improvements in employee's social benefits, coupled with higher replacement and repair costs, have brought about a situation where caterers are making no profits, the trade claims.

Ration News

JERUSALEM. Eggs, ration for week beginning March 18 now available in shops. Children 5 adults 2. Rosh 3. For week beginning March 25, 500 children only, at branches of Tuva, Tenu and El Al.

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Personal Notices

Mr. & Mrs. ISRAEL SHAW of London announce the marriage on Tuesday, March 27, at 10 a.m. of **GABRIEL & HANNAH** at the offices of the Vaad Hachochim, Tel Aviv. Reception at 6 p.m. at the home of the bridegroom's parents, 10/104 German Colony, Jerusalem, Tel. 5223. Relatives and friends are cordially invited.

Our profound sorrow on the death of our partner **MR. DAVID SELZER** and our sympathy with the family in its bereavement.

Tel Aviv Budget Under Heavy Fire

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — To pass the budget before the end of the month the Municipal Council will sit for three sessions this week. There was an extra long session today, and two sessions are scheduled for Thursday, one in the morning and the second in the afternoon.

Mr. E. Schechter (Histadrut) said today that Mayor Rokach's budget was based mainly on the poor man's rates, while the immovable property taxes are 11 per cent, the tenant pays 36 per cent of the rateable value of his apartment. Only IL28,000 are allotted to the housing of new immigrants.

While the general income from rates was increased by 28.8 per cent, Government aid was increased by 59.6 per cent. This was relying too much on the Government instead of creating independent sources of revenue, Mr. Schechter claimed.

Vice-Mayor D. Z. Pinkas said the Government should cover about 30 per cent of the city's budget.

Air Raid Shelters

Mr. S. Shoshani (Landlords) claimed that the Municipality and the Government should build air-raid shelters. Allocation for the Hamishmar Ha'ezrahi (Civil Defence) and the Fire Brigades should be increased, he said.

Mr. M. Ichelev (Herut) urged the Municipality to arrange for non-payment imports of building materials for large housing schemes. Miss E. Wilenski (Communist), who returned last week from a trip to Budapest, said the budget was "reactionary."

Petah Tikva Bigger By 6,000 Dunams

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — The Petah Tikva Municipal Council tonight marked the incorporation within the municipal area of an additional 6,000 dunams with 11,000 inhabitants, bringing the population administered by the Council to 48,000.

The region incorporated included Kiryat Matalon, Gan Shilomo, Givat Hashlosha and New Or.

The meeting was also told that 1,900 houses are shortly to be built for persons living in tents in the Rosh Ha'ayin camp, which does not come under the Municipality but which provides many workers to the township.

Nathanya Adopts New Sewage Plan

NATHANYA, Sunday. — The Municipality Council here tonight approved in principle the sewage plan drawn up for the township by a London firm and instructed Mayor O. Ben Ami, who is going abroad later this week, to try to obtain the necessary materials for its implementation.

The scheme will be carried out in three stages, and will cost IL4.5m.

Kfar Vitkin Memorial To War Dead

NATHANYA, Sunday. — The cornerstone of a cultural centre in memory of villagers who fell in the War of Liberation was laid at Kfar Vitkin by Prime Minister Ben Gurion today. The centre will contain a reading room, library and a defence and war museum.

Before setting down the first trowel of cement, Mr. Ben Gurion said that Israel as a whole would remain the finest and most fitting memorial for the men who died in defence of the State, and memorials such as that planned at Kfar Vitkin would give faith to those who work for the future of the country.

The last letter received from one of the villagers, written shortly before he fell at Kfar Vitkin, was read at the ceremony.

Mr. Ben Gurion later returned to Jerusalem, ending his brief rest at Tiberias.

First I.P.O. Group Back Says U.S. Ready for Another Tour

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — The victory of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's tour of the U.S. and Canada has been demonstrated by the declaration of prominent U.S. critics that they would gladly hear the orchestra play again. Concert Master Lorand Fenyes said here this morning on his return from the U.S. with the first group of 34 I.P.O. musicians.

During the three-month visit to America, Mr. Fenyes continued, the musicians had had a chance to hear a number of good orchestras, and although they now knew that they were a good orchestra, they also knew that they still had much to learn. The members of the orchestra had been overwhelmed by the friendliness with which they had been received in both Canada and the U.S. They not only felt that their music had been deeply appreciated but that everybody had been genuinely glad to see visitors from Israel.

The musicians, who returned aboard the El Al Constellation, were met at the airport by Mr. D. Remez, in his dual capacity as Minister of Education and Chairman of the El Al Board of Directors; Mr. L. Pincus, Manager of El Al; and by numerous relatives and friends. Mr. Zvi Wajzman, member of the orchestra, said tribute to the service rendered by El Al which also provided motor transport to take the musicians directly from Lydda to their homes.

The remaining 40 I.P.O. members will be arriving in small groups during next week, and rehearsals for the fifth subscription concert series (George Singson conductor and William Primrose, viola soloist) are due to begin on April 8. The first concert will be given in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, April 11.

British Parliament Group Here Today

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The eight-member British parliamentary delegation will arrive at Lydda by B.O.A.C. early tomorrow morning. The group, led by Mr. William Glenvil Hall, is to spend a week in Israel as guests of the Knesset.

The Herut faction in the Knesset informed the Knesset Speaker today that they would not take part in any reception for the delegation.

The reason for their boycott was that they regarded the British as "the indirect occupants of four-fifths of our historical territory," according to a letter from Dr. Yohanan Bader and Mrs. Esther Razieli-Naor to Mr. Sprinok.

Herut, it will be recalled, boycotted the Israel parliamentary delegation to London last summer on similar grounds.

'Tourist Money' On April 1

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The new "tourist currency," which reduces the cost of foreign exchange vis-a-vis the pound by 25 per cent, will come into force on April 1, it was stated here today.

Tourists will be able to purchase at Israel Consulates and accredited travel agencies abroad letters of credit at the new rate, starting with denominations of \$100. In Israel, they will exchange these letters of credit against vouchers with which they will pay for their accommodation at tourist hotels, for sightseeing trips, sea and air passages and purchases in tourist shops.

Their purchases will be free of luxury tax. If tourists spend foreign exchange instead of vouchers, they will obtain price reductions of 25 per cent.

35 Families Roofless After Heavy Storm

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — Last night's fierce storm blew down many of the tents pitched a week ago at the Migdal Me'aruz and 35 roofless families "invaded" the Migdal Hotel which Kupat Holim is converting into a winter resort. At the request of the Migdal Local Council, Kupat Holim agreed to grant them shelter for five days, until the tents are put up again.

Fifty of the newcomers are to be employed at the hotel when it is opened in a few weeks.

Rain Mars Easter Sunrise Service

Rain early yesterday morning forced about 200 worshippers who attended the United Evangelical Easter sunrise service at 5.30 to continue their worship indoors at St. Andrew's Church in Jerusalem.

The Rev. A. Scott Morrison of St. Andrew's gave the invocation. Among the congregation of about 200 Protestants were the members of the group of American and Canadian clergy and laymen who are in Israel on a visit and who led most of the service.

The Rev. A. Schneider, a Christian Jew, delivered the concluding prayer. The service was recorded and broadcast by Kol Israel at 3.15 in the afternoon.

The Stirling-Hamilton memorial plaque for officers and men of the Black Watch Regiment served in Jerusalem and fell in the Second World War was unveiled in the vestibule of St. Andrew's Church yesterday. Among those attending the ceremony was Sir Hugh Dow, the British Consul-General.

The memorial was unveiled by an aunt of the late Captain Mungo Stirling, Mother Martha, of the Bethany Convent, who had crossed from the Old City. It was transferred on behalf of the Black Watch Regiment to the trustees of St. Andrew's Church by Mrs. Hamilton, the mother of the late Capt. Alistair Hamilton, who had come from Scotland.

The Rev. A. Scott Morrison conducted the dedication service.

Another United Evangelical service, conducted by members of the American-Canadian group, was held at the Y.M.C.A. at 7 p.m. yesterday. The group was introduced by the Rev. W. L. Hull, of the Zion Christian Mission, and the service was led by the Rev. Harold W. Gretzinger.

Refused Entry

They will leave for Nathanya today and tomorrow by T.W.A. They did not receive permission from the Jordan authorities to visit the Old City and Bethlehem. It is expected that Rev. Gretzinger will return to Israel in the future with other groups of Protestant clergy and laymen.

The French, Belgian, Italian and Spanish Consuls-General and the French Vice-Consul, in full agreement with the Jewish State, declared Dr. Nahum Goldmann last night. He was speaking before an audience of over 1,000 delegates at the opening of the 56th Annual Conference of the British Zionist Federation.

AGENCY APPROVES 100,000 FIGURE

The decision of the Government-Jewish Agency Coordination Board to step up immigration to 100,000 within the next four months was approved at yesterday's meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem. The report on the Coordination Board's decision was presented by Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Treasurer.

Mr. Moshe Draginsky, head of the Immigration Absorption Department, analysed the housing situation and made proposals for housing in 1951. A discussion began on the future of the Zionist funds.

Wages for Public Works Raised
BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Wages of workers living in cooperative villages and employed on public works in the Negev area are to be raised from IL1,400 to IL1,700 per day. This was announced today by Mr. M. Kahanovitz, of the Negev Committee, at a celebration attended by 1,000 persons at Masul village. It marked the first anniversary of the seven Imara villages.

House in 48 Hours
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — At the rate of a house every two days 100 single and two-family houses are now being erected by the Jewish Agency's absorption Department for new immigrants in Ramle "Gimmel."

The prefabricated walls are manufactured at the Bat Yam factory of A.S. Epstein. The houses cost about IL500 to build, and are put up by unskilled labour.

Pope Appeals For Brotherly Accord

VATICAN CITY, Sunday (AP). — Pope Pius made a fervent appeal today for brotherly accord to free the world of lust and violence, so that people may live and work in peace. The Pontiff voiced his call in an unscheduled brief speech from St. Peter's basilica to an estimated 100,000 Romans and Easter visitors gathered in the vast square below him.

Convict Reports 14 Visions

ROME, Sunday (Reuters). — A 26-year-old convict in Padua jail displayed the stigmata — the wounds of the crucified Jesus — for the second time on Good Friday. "Giuseppe D'Italia" reported yesterday. The paper gave his name as Kerone Cella, serving a prison sentence for rape and sacrilegious theft, of which he has always professed his innocence.

Cells, according to the paper, said that on January 2 last year he had a vision of the Virgin Mary who preached to him on love and brotherliness. He was said to have put her sermon in writing and sent it recently to the Bishop of Padua.

The paper claimed that Cella has had altogether 14 visions of the Holy Virgin, during which the Virgin informed him that the stigmata would appear on him every Good Friday.

At the beginning of Holy Week this year, the paper continued, Cella was placed in the prison infirmary. "On Friday, in the presence of the head nurse, a dozen prisoners and a priest, Cella began to perspire, the 'Giornale D'Italia' said. "Drops appeared on his forehead, at first colourless, then red. The stigmata appeared on his hands and feet. His back was covered with bruises. This condition lasted about 15 minutes, just as happened on Good Friday of last year. Bloodstains remained on Cella's bedsheet, the paper claimed.

Several members of the group spoke of their visit.

They will leave for Nathanya today and tomorrow by T.W.A. They did not receive permission from the Jordan authorities to visit the Old City and Bethlehem. It is expected that Rev. Gretzinger will return to Israel in the future with other groups of Protestant clergy and laymen.

The French, Belgian, Italian and Spanish Consuls-General and the French Vice-Consul, in full agreement with the Jewish State, declared Dr. Nahum Goldmann last night. He was speaking before an audience of over 1,000 delegates at the opening of the 56th Annual Conference of the British Zionist Federation.

Wages for Public Works Raised
BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Wages of workers living in cooperative villages and employed on public works in the Negev area are to be raised from IL1,400 to IL1,700 per day. This was announced today by Mr. M. Kahanovitz, of the Negev Committee, at a celebration attended by 1,000 persons at Masul village. It marked the first anniversary of the seven Imara villages.

House in 48 Hours
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — At the rate of a house every two days 100 single and two-family houses are now being erected by the Jewish Agency's absorption Department for new immigrants in Ramle "Gimmel."

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Italy Concerned Over Balkan Arming

ROME, Sunday (Reuters). — In the last two weeks Italy has associated itself with the alarm expressed by the U.S., France and Yugoslavia at the rearmament of Russia's Balkan allies, an Italian Foreign Office spokesman said last night.

The peace treaty limitations, especially those preventing Italy from building fortifications within 30 km. of her frontiers, left the way open to any invasion from the north-east. On the other hand, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania were being rearmed well beyond the limits imposed on them by similar peace treaties, he stated.

The Italian envoy in London, Washington and Paris have not yet formally raised the question of the revision of the Italian treaty.

New Efforts to Settle Paris Transport Strike
PARIS, Sunday (Reuters). — With railway services returning to normal, efforts were being made tonight to settle the 11-day bus and underground strike in time for Parisians to ride to work on Tuesday.

Suburban crews followed the example of main line railway employees and reported today for duty today, leaving only the underground and bus disputes unsettled.

The joint strike committee, which last night announced that the stoppage would continue, had a half-hour meeting with the Paris transport board management today.

No statement was issued after the meeting, but it was understood in trade union circles that negotiations would continue.

The cabinet was meeting tonight to consider two factors affecting the chances of preventing the receding strike wave from gaining new strength.

These were: 1. New pay scales for civil servants, who like other workers have shown growing discontent with the rising cost of living; 2. The effect on price rises already granted — notably on gas and electricity rates and railway fares.

Earlier visitors and stay-at-home Parisians today continued to walk, cycle, compete for taxis or use the army lorries provided by the government. The underground had a skeleton service of about half the usual Sunday strength.

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Cables in Brief

LIBYA. — Ten members of the Libyan National Assembly will arrive in Tripoli for discussion of a central Libyan Federal Government with the King of the Kingdom of Libya.

POWER MOTORS. — Mrs. John Blue, Chairman of the International Power Motors Plan, died in New York yesterday. Several European governments, decorated her for her work in carrying out 60,000 miles of work.

COMPLAINTE. — Albania has complained to the U.N. that Greek aircraft have violated her airspace and that three Greek soldiers penetrated 20 yards into her territory before withdrawing.

Israel Started Korean War — Arab League
NEW YORK, Sunday, (INA). — Israel is responsible for the war in Korea and Jewish capital is precipitating World War III, according to Yusuf el Banna, son of the Mayor of Bethlehem, who is touring the country on behalf of the Arab League propaganda office in New York.

A report published here yesterday by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith points to this and to other examples of increased activity by the Arab League in the U.S. The HQ. in New York was opened last October by Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League.

UNDERSEA OIL STRIKE
PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD Sunday (Reuters). — Trinidad oil-fields officials have struck oil under the sea off the south coast of the island. This is the first oil produced here under a marine drilling licence.

The strike, made on Friday, is producing about 150 barrels a day. Should the yield continue satisfactorily, a new stage in Trinidad oil production may be reached and more extensive drilling of the same type will be likely.

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